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**PATENT
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| In re: | Patent Application of Skurkovich <i>et al.</i> | Group Art Unit: 1644 |
| Appln. No.: | 09/487,979 | Examiner: Amy Decloux |
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| For: | TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES INCLUDING AIDS | No. 053663-5001-09 |

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated August 28, 2001 (Paper No. 8), sent in connection with the above-referenced application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the associated fee, which extends the time for a response to the Office Action through and to February 28, 2002. Responsive to the Office Action, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 42 and 46 as indicated on the "Marked-up Copy of Amended Claims" sheet attached hereto. Added text is underlined and deleted text is [bracketed]. The claims as amended should read as follows:

42. (Twice Amended) A method of treating Acquired Immunodeficiency Disease in a patient comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a combination of an antibody to gamma interferon, an antibody to alpha interferon, and an antibody to tumor necrosis factor-alpha.

46. (Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein said antibody is selected from the group consisting of a monoclonal antibody, a polyclonal antibody, and combinations thereof, or biologically active fragments, functional equivalents, derivatives, or allelic or species variants thereof.